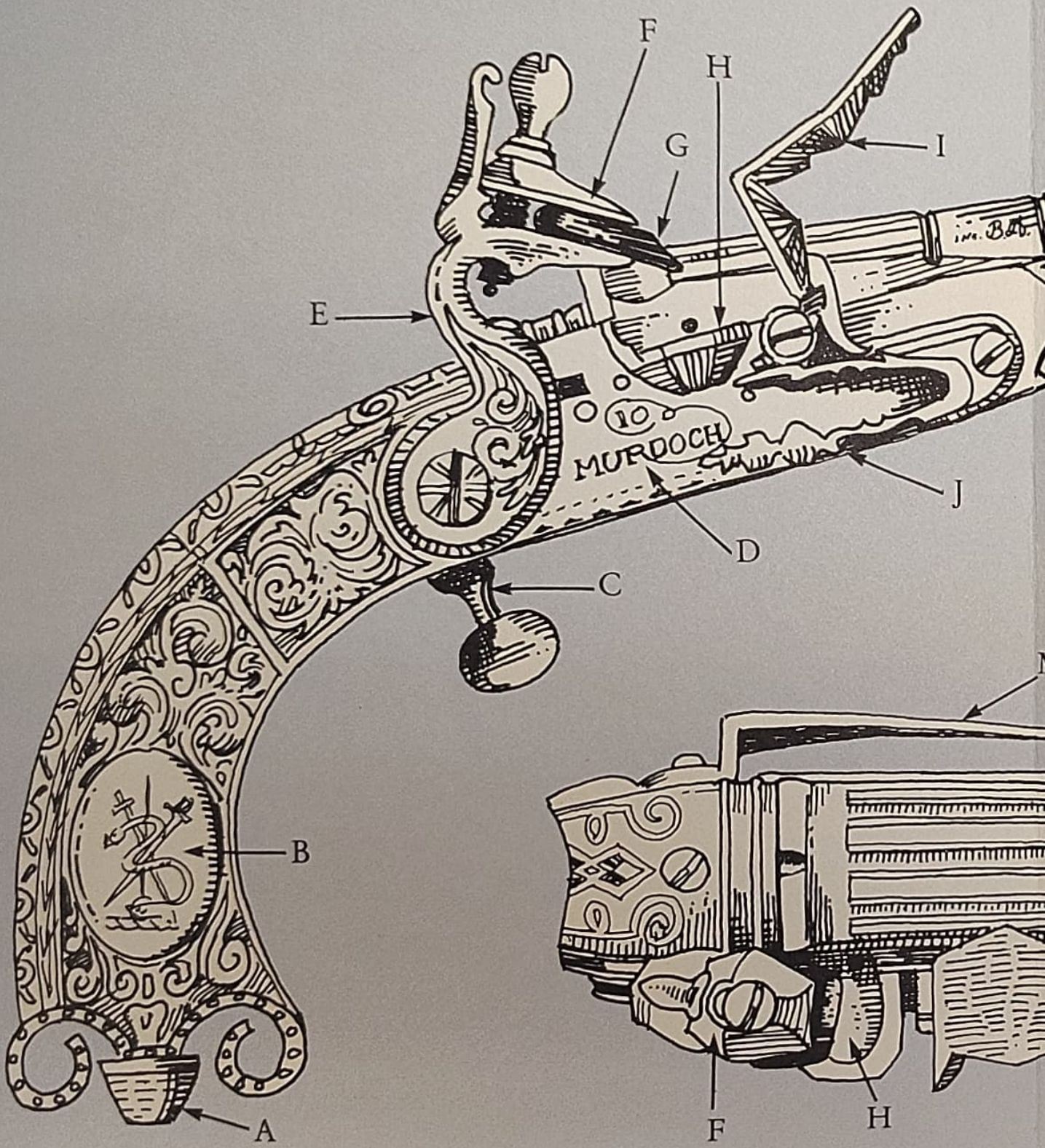
"The pistol that fired the shot heard 'round the world."

The Pitcairn Pistol

Firing and Cleaning Instructions

WARNING:
THIS IS A LETHAL FIREARM WHEN LOADED AND SHOULD BE TREATED WITH THE SAFETY AND RESPECT DUE ANY WEAPON. EXERCISE CAUTION IN HANDLING THESE PISTOLS WHEN THEY ARE LOADED.

1. Pull cock rearward to half cock position (first click).
2. Close frizzen over prime pan by rotating frizzen to the full position.
3. USE FFF BLACK POWDER ONLY FOR PROPELLING CHARGE. NEVER use powder from modern ammunition. Pour one tablespoonful of powder down the muzzle of the barrel.
4. Place round lead ball in muzzle.
5. Ram ball firmly into powder. Don't leave space between powder and ball.
6. Prime the pan by rotating the frizzen to the full forward position and filling the pan level with FFFF BLACK POWDER. Then close the frizzen by rotating it to the full rearward position.
7. Aim pistol at target. Pull cock to the full rearward position (full cock position), aim, and pull trigger. Recoil is minimal.
8. Clean the pistol immediately after firing. The best blackpowder solvent is boiling water poured down a funnel into the barrel muzzle. Hold barrel with a hot pad. Keep pouring slowly until the water from the touch hole is clean, then spray with WD-40 or Hoppe's No. 9. Swab out.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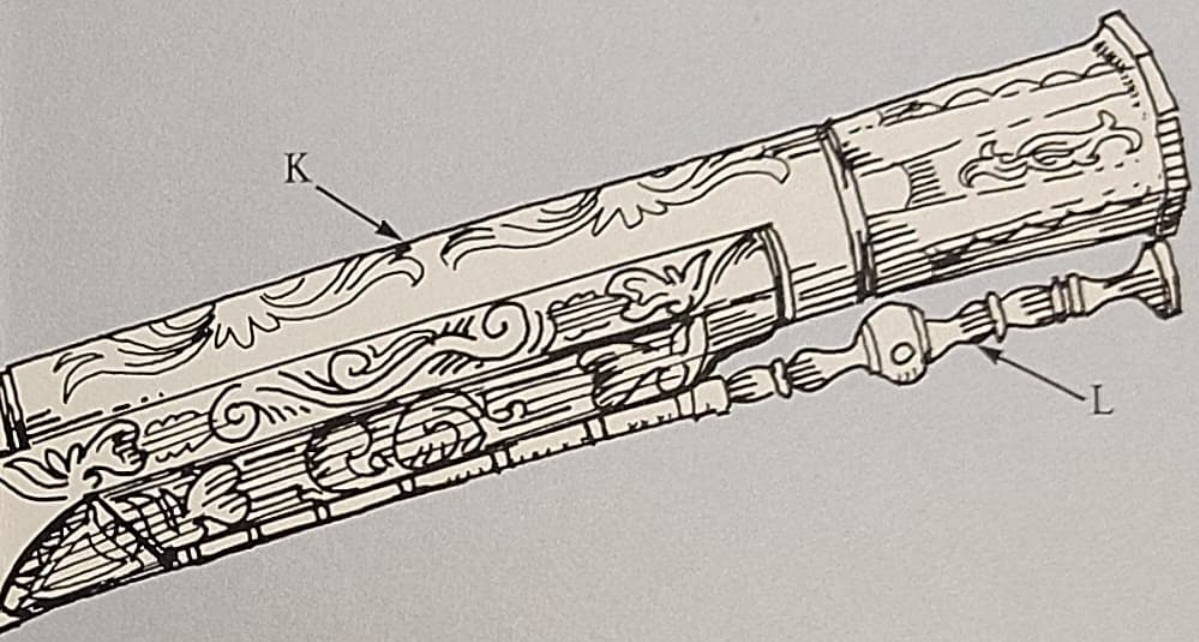

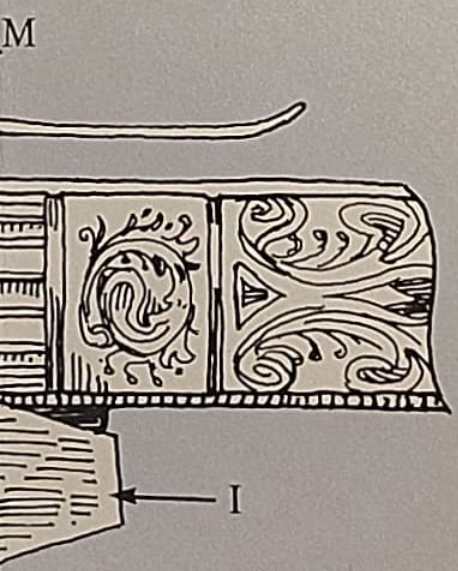

NOMENCLATURE

A	Pricker Cap
B	Coat of Arms
C	Trigger
D	Lock Plate
E	Cock
F	Cock Top Jaw
G	Flint
H	Flash Pan
I	Frizzen
J	Frizzen Spring
K	Barrel
L	Ramrod
M	Belt Hook

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This classic Scotch pistol is remarkable in many respects.

It is the pistol that historians believe fired the first shot of the American Revolutionary War. Major John Pitcairn, commander of the British Troops, held the pistol in his hand as he was facing the American farmer militiamen on the Green of Lexington. The Americans, armed with muskets, wouldn't yield, but they withheld their fire. The hot-tempered Pitcairn, incensed that the colonists would not yield, brandished his pistol, and then the shot was fired. It was heard by Paul Revere who said it was definitely the crack of a pistol—not the boom of a musket.

The Pitcairn is unusual because it is all steel and silver—no wood. The sharp butt was designed by the Scotch to be as much of a weapon as the shooting end. (After the shot was fired, the Highlanders would grab their pistol by the barrel and use the butt to batter their foes.)

Also unusual are the celtic silver inlay and the meticulous hand engraving on the barrel, frizzen, side plate, grip, pricker head and cock.

Specifications: *Length overall 12 inches; Barrel length, 7½ inches; Weight, 1½ pounds including silver; Bore, .60 calibre (20 guage). Material, steel and silver; Finish, polished bright and engraved; turned ramrod; Steel ball trigger; Pricker (touch hold cleaner), steel with sterling cone cap. Belt hook, incised and engraved cut-out steel. Ignition system, miquelet with horizontal (rocking) sear activating cock and releasing flint against steel frizzen. Decoration both silver and steel chiselled and engraved with silver inlaid in the steel.*

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